

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 752 without amendment

Sponsor: Sen. Jason E. Allen

House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security

Senate Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

Complete to 6-4-08

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 752 AS REPORTED FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON 5-21-08

Senate Bill 752 would amend the Michigan Military Act to require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to present discharge certificates for enlisted personnel discharged from service in the National Guard to the home counties of the enlisted personnel.

Discharge certificates would be presented for recording under Public Act 83 of 1867, which requires a county clerk to record all discharges of soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and members of women's auxiliaries that may be presented to the clerk for recording. Public Act 83 of 1867 also regulates the disclosure of recorded discharge information.

MCL 32.637

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 752 will have an indeterminate impact on state and local government. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is likely to experience some administrative costs associated with producing and mailing the discharge certificate to the counties. The counties may also experience some administrative costs with filing and storing the certificates.

POSITIONS:

American Legion supports the bill. (5-21-08)

Fraternal Order of the Purple Heart supports the bill. (5-21-08)

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